Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph **[0040]** and **[0041]** with the following amended paragraphs:

[0040] FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a carrier 45 receiving end panels 50, 60 of the container 20 in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. The horizontal disposed platform 43 has a horizontally disposed rectangular shaped bottom panel 101 with vertical side walls 102, 103, 104, 106 extending upwardly from the four edges of its bottom least as high as the thickness of the side panels 50, 60. The end panels 50, 60 are sized to fit side by side within a perimeter of the platform 43 formed by the walls 102, 103, 104, 106 such that the end panels 50, 60 rest on the platform 43 adjacent to each other to form a surface. When the carrier 45 is attached to a vehicle by attaching the mating member 72 to the vehicles hitch, the surface formed by the end panels 50, 60 resting within and on the platform 43 of the carrier 45 may be used as a work surface or seating area because it is supported by attachment to the vehicle.

[0041] FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a carrier 45 receiving ~~an~~ laterally spaced accessory ~~rack, shown generally at 73,~~ rack 73, 73' in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, the carrier 45 includes ~~a mounting subassembly~~ square section laterally spaced rigid tubes 63, 63' (FIGS. 7 and 8) that ~~is~~ are attached beneath and to laterally opposite ends, respectively of the platform 43. ~~For example,~~ The rigid hollow tubes 63, 63' are ~~attached to opposing ends of the platform 43~~ part of the hitch adapter 70. The accessory ~~rack~~ racks 73, 73' ~~includes two~~ include mounting units 65, 67, respectively, that ~~each~~ couple, respectively, with the parallel mounting ~~subassembly~~ tubes 63, 63' attached to ~~opposing~~ laterally opposite ends of the platform 43. ~~Each of the~~ The mounting units 65, 67 ~~has~~ have rigid ~~tube~~

square section ~~such~~ tube arms 101, 102 that ~~the mounting subassembly couples~~ slide into and couple with ~~mounting~~ ~~units 65, 67~~ the square section tubes 63. ~~For example~~ In otherwords, the tube ~~section~~ arms 101, 102 of the mounting ~~unit~~ units 65, 67 ~~is~~ are sized to slidably fit in the parallel front to rear extending horizontal hollow tubes ~~of the mounting subassembly~~ 63, 63'. To secure the mounting ~~unit~~ units 65, 67 to the ~~mounting subassembly~~ tubes 63, 63' quick-release pins 69 may be inserted into ~~an aligned hole~~ holes 106, 107 formed through the mounting ~~unit 65, 67~~ arms 101, 102 and the ~~mounting subassembly~~ holes 108, 109 in the tubes 63, 63'. The rack 73 includes a horizontally disposed U-shaped bracket 111 with parallel arms 112, 113 extending laterally inward with their laterally inward ends rigidly connected to the upper ends of a pair of parallel vertical legs 114, 116 which in turn have their lower ends rigidly connected to the fore and aft extending tube arm 101. The rack 73' is reverse image of rack 73 and includes a U-shaped bracket 121 with the laterally inner ends of its parallel horizontal arms 122, 123 rigidly secured to upper ends of vertical legs 124, 126, whose lower ends are rigidly secured to the arm 102 of the rack 73'. The U-shaped brackets 111, 121 extend laterally outward beyond the laterally width of the carrier 45 and its platform 43 thereby providing a support for transportable items resting on the arms 101, 102 and nesting within the U-shaped brackets 111, 121. In other words the racks serve to carry items that are wider than the platform 43.